



STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

REFERENCE NUMBER 18

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS: PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, 1972-73

This publication contains preliminary statistics of industrial accidents reported to the Victorian Government Statist during 1972-73 under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Regulations. For comparative purposes, statistics for 1968-69 to 1971-72 are also included. Figures for 1972-73 are subject to revision.

The collection is restricted to fatal cases and to those where the worker was incapacitated for work for a period of one week or more. Reports included relate to workers compensation claims finalised during 1972-73, and to claims reported as unclosed after the period of three years. Thus the cases to which the statistics relate did not necessarily occur in 1972-73.

It should be noted that changes in the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act occur from time to time. Excluded from the provisions of the Act are Australian Government employees and self-employed persons.

Industrial accident. For the purpose of this collection, the following definition is applied: an industrial accident is a compensated work injury causing death, permanent disability, or absence of the injured person from work for one week or more, excluding journey cases, cases occurring during a recess period, and all disease cases except where the disease is considered to be precipitated or aggravated by an accidental event.

Information has been included concerning accidents occurring on journeys to and from employment or during a recess period, and disease cases.

For further definitions refer to the more detailed annual publication Industrial accidents and workers compensation (reference number 19) to be released later this year.

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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,
JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES

Particulars	Number			Cost of claim			Period of incapacity					
				Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total		Males	Females
		Males	Females	Total					\$	weeks	weeks	Total
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS												
Fatal	- 1968-69	50	1	51	454,904		588	455,492		..	..	..
	1969-70	42	..	49	482,438		..	482,438		..	..	..
	1970-71	33	..	33	352,858		..	352,858		..	..	..
	1971-72	50	..	50	549,574		..	549,574		..	..	..
	1972-73	39	2	41	393,854		10,733	404,587		..	..	..
Non-fatal	- 1968-69	26,629	4,403	31,032	8,754,594	1,242,757	9,997,351	107,001		20,125	127,126	
	1969-70	27,210	4,609	31,819	8,702,945	1,327,301	10,030,246	104,976		21,422	126,398	
	1970-71	26,491	4,477	30,968	9,334,301	1,423,186	10,757,487	107,349		20,242	127,591	
	1971-72	27,775	4,368	32,143	10,500,552	1,417,143	11,917,695	112,937		21,489	134,426	
	1972-73	29,321	4,610	33,931	10,839,952	1,598,033	12,437,985	107,630		20,665	128,295	
JOURNEY AND RECESS - DISEASE AND ACCIDENT CASES												
Fatal	- 1968-69	54	2	56	366,516		8,586	375,102		..	..	..
	1969-70	60	3	63	416,385		9,567	425,952		..	..	..
	1970-71	59	1	60	411,848		280	412,128		..	..	..
	1971-72	62	3	65	518,818		4,463	523,281		..	..	..
	1972-73	45	2	47	359,396		734	360,130		..	..	..
Non-fatal	- 1968-69	1,513	921	2,434	557,375	198,422	755,797	8,752		4,688	13,440	
	1969-70	1,575	950	2,525	491,676	224,955	716,631	9,014		4,852	13,866	
	1970-71	1,496	968	2,464	506,527	209,961	716,488	8,387		4,921	13,308	
	1971-72	1,554	958	2,512	523,372	258,111	781,483	8,776		5,450	14,226	
	1972-73	1,470	901	2,371	497,879	269,711	767,590	6,810		5,249	12,059	
OTHER DISEASES												
Fatal	- 1968-69	256	4	260	1,824,003		22,128	1,846,131		..	..	..
	1969-70	245	4	249	1,752,910		15,838	1,768,748		..	..	..
	1970-71	255	6	261	1,846,382		19,394	1,865,776		..	..	..
	1971-72	321	6	327	2,378,436		13,235	2,391,671		..	..	..
	1972-73	219	1	220	1,923,711		2,530	1,926,241		..	..	..
Non-fatal	- 1968-69	1,123	650	1,773	995,724	160,712	1,156,436	14,652		3,029	17,681	
	1969-70	1,084	683	1,767	743,713	133,716	877,429	9,932		2,912	12,844	
	1970-71	1,017	593	1,610	747,031	138,443	885,474	9,654		3,117	12,771	
	1971-72	1,111	502	1,613	939,816	97,365	1,037,181	10,306		1,858	12,164	
	1972-73	979	530	1,509	833,672	135,700	969,372	8,405		2,022	1,27	
GRAND TOTAL												
Fatal	- 1968-69	360	7	367	2,645,423		31,302	2,676,725		..	..	..
	1969-70	354	7	361	2,651,733		25,405	2,677,138		..	..	..
	1970-71	347	7	354	2,611,088		19,674	2,630,762		..	..	..
	1971-72	433	9	442	3,446,828		17,698	3,464,526		..	..	..
	1972-73	303	5	308	2,676,961		13,997	2,690,958		..	..	..
Non-fatal	- 1968-69	29,265	5,974	35,239	10,307,693	1,601,891	11,909,584	130,405		27,842	158,247	
	1969-70	29,869	6,242	36,111	9,938,334	1,685,972	11,624,306	123,922		29,186	153,108	
	1970-71	29,004	6,038	35,042	10,587,859	1,771,590	12,359,449	125,390		28,280	153,670	
	1971-72	30,440	5,828	36,268	11,963,740	1,772,619	13,736,359	132,019		28,797	160,816	
	1972-73	31,770	6,041	37,811	12,171,503	2,003,444	14,174,947	122,845		27,936	150,781	

NOTE. Comprises fatal and non-fatal claims closed during the year or unclosed claims of three years duration. Period of incapacity of non-fatal claims is one week or more.